

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

JOSEPH W. BUECHEL, )  
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Plaintiff,           )  
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v.                     ) Civil No. 08-cv-132-JPG-CJP  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al., )  
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Defendants.           )

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on plaintiff Joseph W. Buechel's motion and notice to appointed counsel. Buechel filed this document *pro se*, although he is represented by counsel. A litigant does not have a right to file his own documents when he is represented by counsel.

*See Hayes v. Hawes*, 921 F.2d 100, 102 (7th Cir. 1990) (*per curiam*). "Representation by counsel and self-representation are mutually exclusive." *Cain v. Peters*, 972 F.2d 748, 750 (7th Cir. 1992). So-called "hybrid representation" confuses and extends matters at trial and in other proceedings and, therefore, it is forbidden. *See United States v. Oreye*, 263 F.3d 669, 672-73 (7th Cir. 2001). The Court may strike as improper any such *pro se* filings. *See, e.g., United States v. Gwiazdzinski*, 141 F.3d 784, 787 (7th Cir. 1998). The Court hereby **ORDERS** that Buechel's motion/notice (Doc. 43) be **STRICKEN**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.  
DATED: October 8, 2009**

s/ J. Phil Gilbert  
**J. PHIL GILBERT**  
**U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE**